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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 29, 2003 (Paper No. 9), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 29, 2004, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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